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SUBJECT: VISIT OF GOS MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT TO U.S.

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1. COMMERCE CONTACTED MR. FREEMAN, CAMP DRESSER, MCKEE BOSTON WHO IS GIVING CONSIDERATION TO BEST SITES FOR THE VISIT. HE WILL PROVIDE HIS INPUT WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS.

2. ALSO CONTACTED EPA'S RESEARCH SECTION WHICH MADE FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS:

(A) WHILE VISITING BLUE PLAINS (MANAGER IS TOM O'FARRELL) MIGHT ALSO GO TO THE PISCATAWAY PLANT, AN INSTALLATION OF THE WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION AND JUST DOWN RIVER FROM BLUE PLAINS. PISCATAWAY IS A 5 MGPD FACILITY. EPA SUGGESTS TWO DAYS FOR BLUE PLAINS AND PISCATAWAY COMBINED.

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(B) SINCE SINGAPORE IS IN A WATER SHORT SITUATION, THE MINISTER MIGHT VISIT A METROPOLITAN AREA IN THE U.S. TO OBSERVE ITS PLANS TO DEAL WITH THE SAME PROBLEM. THE DENVER WATER BOARD IS SUGGESTED. IT IS CURRENTLY WORKING WITH RECYCLING AND REUSE.

(C) WHILE IN ORANGE COUNTY THE MINISTER MIGHT TALK WITH JOHN PARKHURST, DIRECTOR, LOS ANGELES COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT, AND PRESIDENT WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FEDERATION (AN INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL ASSOCIATION). LOS ANGELES COUNTY VERY INTERESTED IN WATER REUSE AND EPA STATES PARKHURST IS VERY KNOWLEDGEABLE ENGINEER AND PROGRAM PLANNER.

3. EPA ALSO INFORMS US THAT CORRECT NAME FOR FACILITY IN REFTTEL PARA 3, ITEM B) IS ADVANCED WASTE WATER TREATMENT LABORATORY AT THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT RESEARCH CENTER IN CINCINNATI. MR. JOHN CONVERY IS DIRECTOR OF THE LABORATORY. RUSH

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